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SUBJ: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE: SUMMARY OF 35TH MEETING,
NOVEMBER 23, 1976

1. SUMMARY: BRAZIL, KENYA, SPAIN,US AND IVORY COAST SPOKE ON CONTINUATION OF JOINT INSPECTION UNIT. AFTER REMARKS BY SWEDEN,NIGERIA,THE UKRANIAN SSR,AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE COMMITTEE VOTED A REVISED BUDGET FOR UNIDO. COMMITTEE ALSO PASSED PROPOSAL ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. END SUMMARY

2. ITEM 97 - JOINT INSPECTION UNIT; USSR, FAVORING THE JIU'S PRESENT MANDATE WITH NO ADDITIONAL DUTIES, AGREED IN GENERAL WITH THE ACABQ'S REPORT. SWEDEN, EMPHASIZING THE NECESSITY FOR STRICT INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNIT AND HIGH COMPETENCE OF ITS MEMBERS, SUPPORTED A STRENGTHENED JIU ROLE IN EVALUATION; WHILE INCREASED RESOURCES MAY BE NECESSARY THE IMMEDIATE INCREASES WILL RESULT IN SAVINGS. BRAZIL,
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DEFINING ITS PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR JIU'S

INSPECTION AND EVALUATION FUNCTIONS, STATED IT WOULD CONSIDER POSSIBLE INTERIM PROPOSALS AS STOPGAP MEASURE. KENYA PROPOSED CONSENSUS ON THREE MAIN PRINCIPLES -- CONTINUATION, INDEPENDENCE, AND RESPECT FOR EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION. PROPOSED INCREASING NUMBER OF INSPECTORS TO 11 WITH FIVE YEAR TERMS FOR INSPECTORS APPOINTED IN A SELECTION BOARD PROCESS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION; WILL PREPARE DRAFT RESOLUTION IF PROPOSALS RECEIVE SUPPORT. SPAIN, STATING THAT THE JIU HAS ALWAYS PLAYED A ROLE IN EXTERNAL EVALUATION, FAVORED A UNIT OF EIGHT INSPECTORS APPOINTED FOR FIVE YEAR TERMS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWAL FOR THREE YEARS. US, SUPPORTING THE ACABQ REPORT WITH MODIFICATIONS, STRESSED EXTERNAL EVALUATION ROLE OF JIU AND NECESSITY FOR AUTHORITY TO MAKE OWN DETERMINATIONS OF WHAT IT WILL INVESTIGATE; STATED USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS SHOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED; HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT PROPOSED METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS. IVORY COAST FAVORED A COMPETENT AND INDEPENDENT JIU WITH BROAD INVESTIGATORY POWERS.

3. ITEM 92 - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF A/31/L.20: ISRAEL, CHARACTERIZING THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS ONE-SIDED, BIASED AND DISHONEST, AND CALLING FOR A VOTE, STATED IT WOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COMMITTEE'S WORK; US, REFERRING TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S REMARKS IN PLENARY DEBATE, STATED IT MUST VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION; SENEGAL STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S WORK CONTAINED NOTHING BEYOND WHAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAVE ALREADY PLACED IN THEIR RESOLUTIONS; PROPOSAL THAT RAPPOREUR REPORT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED WITH A VOTE OF 71 IN FAVOR, 4 (U.S.) OPPOSED, AND 20 ABSTENTIONS.

4. ITEM 92 - REVISED ESTIMATES UNIDO: SWEDEN ENDORSED THE ACABQ CONCERNS ABOUT UNIDO'S AMBITIOUS STUDIES AND PROGRAMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AGAINST STAFF INCREASES; DID NOT ACCEPT REDUCTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES. NIGERIA, ACCEPTING NEED FOR INCREASED FUNDS TO FINANCE

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AMBITIOUS UNIDO PROGRAM, SUGGESTED THAT UNIDO BE REORGANIZED AND GIVEN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES; BELIEVED THAT NO NEW INDUSTRIAL STUDIES ARE NEEDED AS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SUFFICIENT MATERIAL PRESENTLY EXISTS. UKRAINIAN SSR, FAULTING UNIDO'S INSUFFICIENT COORDINATION, DECRIED THE LACK OF LINKAGE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S MONETARY REQUESTS AND THE LIMA PROGRAM AND PLAN OF ACTION. UK SUPPORTED THE ACABQ'S REPORT, CAUTIONING AGAINST

CONCEALED PROGRAM GROWTH AND URGING CONCENTRATION ON THE QUESTION OF CONSULTANTS AND ADDITIONAL POSTS. REVISED BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR UNIDO AS RECOMMENDED BY ACABQ OF \$45,754,600 WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 73 (U.S.) IN FAVOR, SIX OPPOSED AND NO ABSTENTIONS. (ACABQ RECOMMENDED THAT SYG'S REQUEST BE REDUCED BY \$2,347,469.)

5. COMMITTEE WILL HOLD TWO MEETINGS, AFTERNOON AND EVENING, ON NOV. 24. SUBJECTS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION ARE ITEMS 98 - PATTERN OF CONFERENCES, 92 - ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE (DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/31/L.21) AND REVISED ESTIMATES FOR CONFERENCE ON DECERTIFICATION (A/C.5/31/31 AND A/31/8/ADD 9), 96 - ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION, 93 - MEDIUM TERM PLAN, 99 - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION IN THE UN SYSTEM, AND 91 - REPORT OF C-5 ON FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS OF BOARD OF AUDITORS.
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